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Madrid, Novemb. 30.

THE Solemnity which was intended in this Court by Count *Trautſon* the Emperors Ambaſſador, on occaſion of the birth of the young Archduke of *Auſtria*, having been deferred by his Excellencies death, was performed on Wedneſday, Thurſday, and Friday laſt by the Count of *Bercka*, Envoy Extraordinary from the Emperor, with great magnificence, a Triumphal Arch of exquiſite Fireworks being erected and conſumed each day, with two Fountains of Wine, Red and White continually running out of the two Beaks of an Imperial Eagle, which was placed upon an Artificial Precipice or Rock, all the Balconies of his houſe having two great Wax Torches in each, &c. The Letters from *Cadiz* of the 13 inſtant adviſe, that the Spaniſh Armada, conſiſting in ten Sail, was arrived off of that Port from *Meſſina*; and Letters of the 20th from the ſame place ſay, that the ſaid Armada, by reaſon of ill weather, was come in there to Victual, and that being done, would ſail for *Galicia*; that four days before, the *Crown* arrived there with Corn from *Serdena*, and had met an Algierine between that place and *Tangier*, who kept at a great diſtance from the *Crown*, believing her, as may be thought, a Man of War; that Captain *Gutteridge* in the *Arms of Briſtol*, coming from the *Levant*, had fought a whole day with an Algierine, and had freed himſelf of him, but that the next day meeting with two others, himſelf and ſeveral of his men being killed, his Ship laden with Salt was taken. From *Malaga* of the 15th inſtant they write, that that City was almoſt clear of the Plague, there being not above 22 perſons ſick of it in the Hoſpitals; that on the 11th ſailed thence 18 Ships, of which 12 were Engliſh, bound home. From *Alicant* of the 14th we are told, that Sir *John Narborough* arrived there the 11, with 12 Frigats, beſides 3 Sloops and Fireſhips; that he was going to ſend his Vice-admiral, with a Sloop, to Cruiſe off of *Cadiz*; had ordered two other Frigats to Convoy ſome Merchant Ships for *Italy*, and intended to ſtand over with the reſt of his Fleet for *Argiers*.

Copenhagen, Decemb. 3. From *Wiſmar* we have an account of our Kings ſafe arrival there, and that his Majeſty purpoſed to return hither in very few days. The Suedes Men of War who have lay'n all this Summer at *Calmar*, are ſailed from thence for *Stockholme*. From *Schonen* all the account we have is, that the King of *Sueden* is at preſent with ſeveral Senators and General Officers, to take reſolutions concerning the operations of the next Campaigne.

Cologne, Decemb. 13. Our fears of being beſieged encreaſe every day, which makes us haſten all we can to put our ſelves into a poſture of defence. Several of the Subjects of the Duke of *Neuburg*, Inhabitants of the Dutchy of *Juliers*, not able to bear the inſolencies of the French Soldiers have retired hither; upon which the French Officer who commands at *Munſter Eyffelt*, hath ſent a Trumpet with Letters to our Magiſtrates, to require them to oblige the ſaid perſons to return to their reſpective Habitations, but our Magiſtrates have abſolutely refuſed it. From *Mentz* they write, that their Elector having the 6th inſtant been taken with a Fit of an Apoplexy, as he was going to write a Letter, died ſoon after, in the 55 year of his age, very much regretted by his Subjects. They that pretend to ſucceed him, with moſt probability of ſucceſs, are the Baron *Elſe*, who it's not doubted but will be aſſiſted by the French intereſt, his Brother being a Biſhop in *France*; and the Baron *de Metternicbe*, now Biſhop of *Vienna*, who will have the aſſiſtance of the Imperialiſts.

Bruſſels, Decemb 13. The Letters which we received this morning from *Nimeguen*, aſſure us, that the Ratifications will be certainly exchanged on the 15th inſtant, the Marquis *de los Balbaces*, the Spaniſh Ambaſſador, having declared that he will not expect the Emperors entring into the Peace beyond that day. The ſaid Letters add, that the Imperial Ambaſſadors are now inclined rather to chooſe the other Alternative, that is, to reſtore *Philipsburg* to the French, and to receive *Friburg* from them. In the mean time we have advice, that the Mareſchal *d'Humieres* has received orders to renew the acts of hoſtility in this Country, if the Peace be not ratified before that time. From *Liege* of the 10th they write, that a party of 300 men of the *Neuburg* Troops, being gone out from *Juliers*, to cut down Wood, the French that were at *Linich*, having notice thereof, ſent out a party to watch them; who paſſing the Bridge at *Juliers* within Cannon ſhot of the Town, they overtook and defeated the ſaid *Neuburg* Troops, taking 200 priſoners, and killing the reſt upon the place.

Ditto, Decemb. 16. On Wedneſday morning the Baron *de Saventheim* arrived here from *Nimeguen*, with an aſſurance from the Marquis *de los Balbaces*, to his Excellency, that the Ratifications would be exchanged yeſterday, and that ſo ſoon as it was done, thoſe of *France* ſhould be diſpatched hither, to be carried by the ſaid Baron *de Saventheim* to *Madrid*, who is therefore come hither to fit himſelf for that journy. The Governors of the places that are to be reſtored to us by *France*, are already appointed, Lieutenant General *Agurto* is to be Governor of *Gaunt*, Baron *de Cuniers* of *Audenarde*, Viſcount *Seaberg* of *Courtray*, Monſieur *de Fue* of *Binch*, Count *Rhenenberg* of *Aeth*, and Monſieur *Sermiento* of *Charleroy*. From *Germany* we have an account of the ſudden death of the Elector of *Mentz*, who died of an Apoplexy.

Hague, December, 13. The matter of the intended reduction is now ſaid to be quite finiſhed by his Highneſs, the Deputies of the States of *Holland*, and the Council of State, and will in a day or two be reported to the States General, to have their formal reſolution upon it. We are told that the States are deliberating about raiſing the 100